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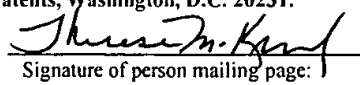
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| For: | APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF ANCHORING A FIRST CONDUIT TO A SECOND CONDUIT | | |

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, the Applicants attach hereto a completed PTO Form 1449 (modified) and copies of the information cited therein. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application. No certification, petition, or fee are required. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1).

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Each of the following references was identified on an International Search Report for the above-identified in the instant application. The pertinence of the references is noted in the Search Report.

U.S. Pat. No. 5,695,008
United Kingdom GB 2344606
WO 9923354
WO 9706346

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the references identified herein and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. §609.

The references listed in this IDS comprise the most pertinent prior art known to applicant and its attorneys as of the date hereof. This IDS should not be construed as a representation that the cited references are material or that no better art exists.

It is requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute Form 1449, and return one copy to Applicants' undersigned representative.

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